Conflict of Interest Disclosure System

Coordinator User Guide

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Conflict of Interest Disclosure System

Annual Conflict of Interest Notification Schedule and Deadline

- **November 30,** the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth will send out the official memorandum directing agency coordinators to proceed in notifying their employees of their obligation to disclose their financial interests for the current calendar year. On this date, the online Conflict of Interest Disclosure System will be activated.
- The deadline to submit your Statement of Economic Interest form or Financial Disclosure form for the 2012 calendar year is **January 15**.

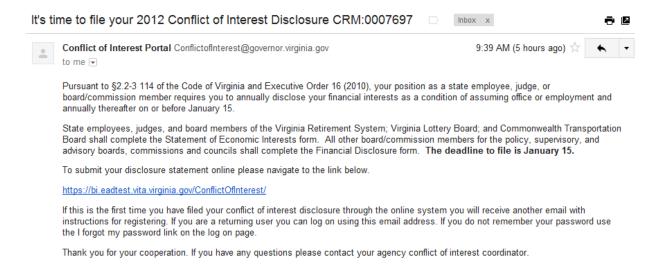
Conflict of Interest Disclosure System

Accessing the Conflict of Interest Disclosure System

- Individual access to the online Conflict of Interest Disclosure System will be granted to users via their agency coordinator.
- Coordinator access to the online Conflict of Interest Disclosure System will be granted via the Conflict of Interest Director.
- For security purposes, access to the system is restricted and is therefore not publicly available via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.

- Agency coordinators will grant both existing as well as new users access to the online system via a hyperlink that will be e-mailed by the agency coordinator to the user's inbox. It may be beneficial to users to save this link in their web browser for easy access to their account throughout the year.
- The hyperlink will allow users to navigate to the account log-in screen or create an account if they are a new user.

Email Notification (users will receive this email once annually from their agency coordinator)



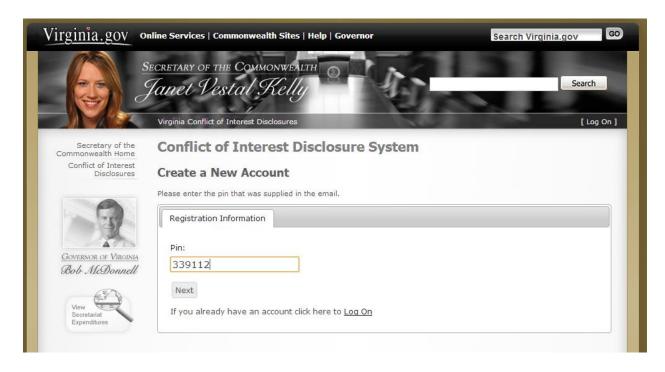
Email Notification (new users will receive this email once from their agency coordinator to set up their online account)



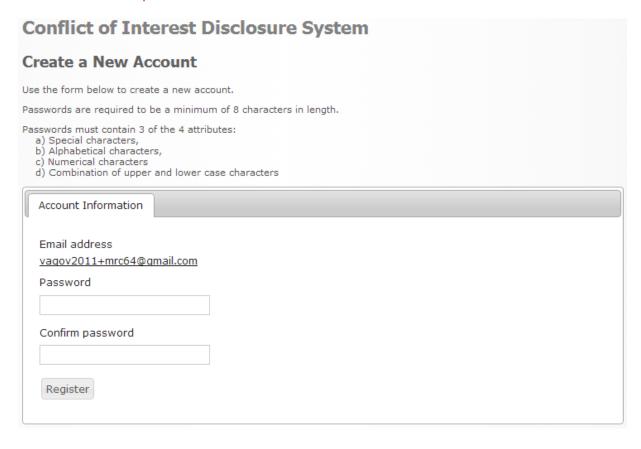
Log-In Screen



Create New Account Screen: Enter Your Pin Number



Create New Account Screen: Set up Account

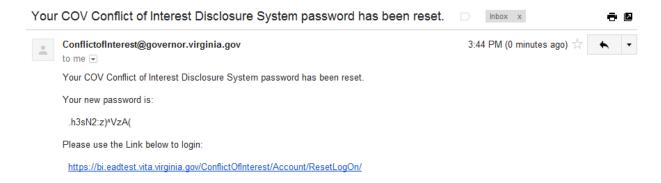


• If you are a returning user, but do not remember your password, click on the "I forgot my password" option from the log-in screen. An email will be sent to your inbox that will allow you to access your account and reset your password.

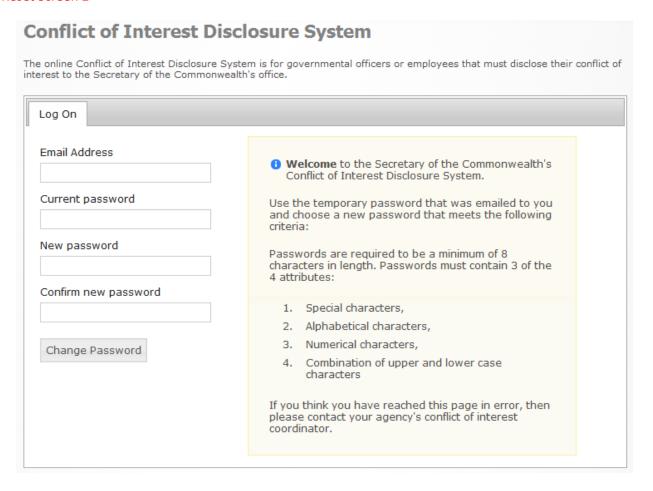
Password Reset Screen 1



Email Notification (existing users who have forgotten their account password will receive this e-mail to allow them to reset a new password)



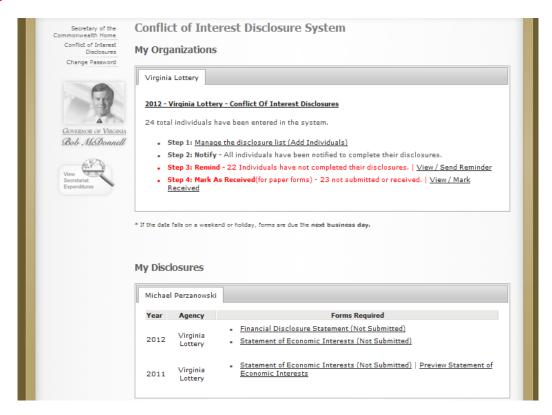
Password Reset Screen 2



Coordinator Access

- After logging-in, you will arrive at the home page which displays "My Organizations" (those agencies or boards for which you are the designated coordinator) as well as "My Disclosures" (those agencies or boards of which you are a member and are required to file a disclosure).
- Prior to November 30th each year, agency coordinators will prepare a listing of individuals who are required to disclose within their organization via the online system.
- To begin, navigate to the Step 1: Manage List tab.

Home Page View



Within this view, you will have a number of tools available to you to build and edit your list:

Step 1 Screen



• "Select Contacts"- Allows you to select and add individual contacts from the Conflict of Interest database to populate your list for the current calendar year. By checking the box next to the desired contact and clicking "Add Selected Contacts", that individual or group of individuals will be imported to your list for the current calendar year.

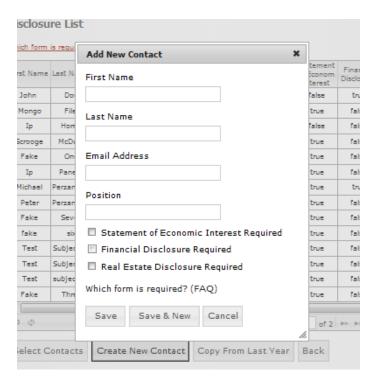
Select Contacts Screen



• "Create New Contact"- If an individual contact cannot be found in the Conflict of Interest database, this function allows you to create a new contact for an individual who may have been recently employed or appointed to your organization.

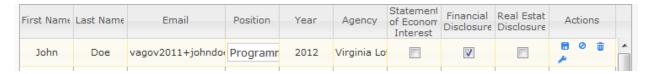
When you create a new contact you will be prompted to enter a name, title, and e-mail address. Additionally, you must select which form the filer is required to file, either the Statement of Economic Interest or the Financial Disclosure.

Create New Contact Screen



- "Copy From Last Year" this function provides a quick and easy way to import those contacts from the list you compiled in the previous calendar year. Contacts may be selected and added to your list for the current calendar year in the same way the "Select Contacts" function operates. If you are creating multiple new contacts to add to your list, use the "Save and Add New" function to create contacts consecutively.
- Once you have completed selecting or adding contacts to your list for the current calendar year, you will be able to view
 and manage contacts individually from the Step 1: Manage List tab.
- Within this view you are able to use the Edit, Delete, and Go To tools to manage individual contact records:

Action Buttons



• The "Go To" function is particularly important as it will allow you to individually notify or remind a person who has not yet submitted their disclosure, as well as view a copy of their disclosure once it has been submitted.

Go To Screen

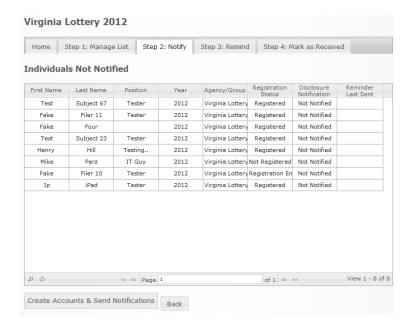


Step 2: Notify

- Once the list is complete, agency coordinators will notify all users of their obligation to submit their disclosure with the "Step 2: Notify" function.
- From this view, you will see a list of all users who have not been notified or who have not yet been granted access to the system. Using the "Create Accounts & Send Notifications" function, agency coordinators will send a series of automatically generated e-mails to all users simultaneously that will notify them individually of their obligation to file and will include a hyperlink for them to access the account log-in screen. If a user is new to the system, they will receive a second e-mail that will allow them to set up their account. Once this function is selected, please allow time for the action to complete itself in your browser window.

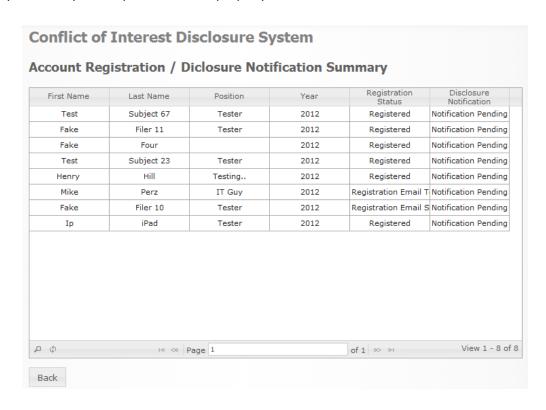
Agency coordinators should not send out notifications to filers from the system until they have received the official memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on November 30th of the current calendar year.





Step 2: Notify

- As new and returning users access the system to submit their disclosure, coordinators should remain aware of the user's Registration Status, Disclosure Notification Status, and Submission Status, to make sure they are able to access the system properly.
- For a new user, while they may have received an e-mail notification from the system, until their Registration Status reads "Registered", they have not yet set up their account properly.



Step 3: Remind

- Once the primary notification has been emailed to all users, coordinators may use the "Step 3: Remind" function to monitor
 and follow up with those individuals who have not yet submitted their disclosure as the deadline approaches.
- In this view, coordinators will see a list of users who have not yet filed and may select the "Send Email Reminder" function to send out emails to all remaining filers simultaneously. From here, you will also be able to monitor when the last reminder was sent.

Step 3 Screen



Email Notification (reminder)



Step 4: Mark as Received

- As users submit their disclosures online, agency coordinators will be able to monitor the submission status of an employee's form as it is received by the system.
- For those users that may be submitting a paper form, this view will allow coordinators to check off the names of individual users who have submitted a hard copy directly to the agency coordinator to be mailed or scanned and emailed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office.
- After submitting their form, users will receive a confirmation e-mail in their email inbox to let them know that the process is complete.

Email Notification (confirmation)



Individual Access

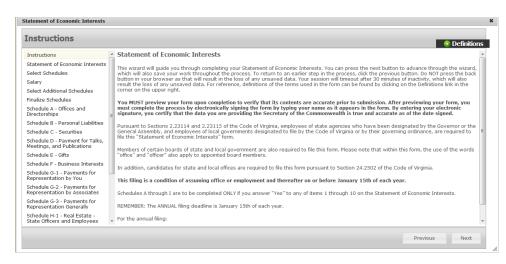
• After logging-in to the system, users will be able to view under "My Disclosures" which form you are required to file, as designated by their agency coordinator. By clicking on the link, users will then navigate to the form wizard which will walk you through your form page by page.

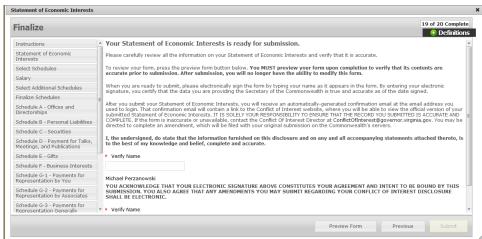
My Disclosures Screen



Individual Access

Wizard: Follow on screen instructions to advance through each page...





Individual Access

- Please note that Statement of Economic Interest forms are no longer required to be notarized. At the end of the form you will be instructed to type your name twice, which constitutes a valid electronic signature.
- Users will have an opportunity to save their work and download/print a draft of their form to review before officially submitting the form online.
- Once a user's form is submitted, it cannot be edited or resubmitted, though it will be available for a user to view/print at any time throughout the year through their online account.
- Any questions regarding how to fill out either the Statement of Economic Interest or Financial Disclosure forms should be directed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Conflict of Interest Division.